

Fines for non-attendance at drills.

Proviso.

Surgical examining boards to be appointed.

Pay, rations, &c. while in actual service.

Not to be called into service *en masse*.

and pay one hundred dollars; each captain and other officers who shall fail to muster and drill their companies the times appointed shall forfeit and pay for each failure fifty dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer or private shall fail to attend at any drill he shall forfeit and pay not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars: *Provided*, That every absentee shall be allowed until the next muster to make his excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regimental and company court-martial, and judgments are to be entered up and the fines collected in the same mode and in accordance with the provisions of the militia law of North-Carolina, passed at the second extra session of the General Assembly, 1861.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the General Assembly, by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint surgical boards, not exceeding three, composed of two physicians each, who shall declare by their certificates those persons who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment; on account of mental or physical disability, and that they shall receive the pay of their rank and traveling expenses to be determined by the adjutant general.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the guards for home defence, should they be called into service by the Governor, shall receive the same pay, rations and allowances as soldiers in the Confederate States' service, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate States.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That when the pressure of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, the said guards for home defence shall not be called into service *en masse*, but by drafts of a number of men from each convenient company, so as to make up the aggregate force required.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 14th day of December, 1863.*]